

03 December 2018



REF: OIA-4359

Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 5 November 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Today the New Zealand Herald reported that NZTA would be trialling automated point to point 'average speed' cameras at two locations in Auckland ("New point-to-point speed cameras coming for Waterview Tunnel and Southern Motorway", NZ Herald, 5 Nov 2018). The cameras reportedly identify vehicles using automated number plate recognition software (ANPR). I would like to request the following information under the OIA:

- * any privacy policy for the system;*
- * any privacy impact assessment for the system;*
- * how long are vehicle number plates retained by the system, and whether they are or will be shared with any other agency.*

The trial of the point to point average speed cameras in the Waterview Tunnels is yet to commence and the NZ Transport Agency is still working to complete privacy policies and relevant impact statements. Points one and two of your request are therefore being refused under section 18(e) of the act as the documents alleged to contain this information do not exist.

Development of a specific privacy policy is being guided by the existing Police Privacy Policy, the Official Information Act 1982, the Criminal Disclosure Act 2008 and the Privacy Act 1993. A full privacy impact assessment will be completed for the system and this will take place before the trial commences and any infringement notices are sent out. The system will be integrated with already existing systems such as those used by the New Zealand Police and will adhere to privacy policies already in place.

In regard to the third part of your request, the system is being designed to hold an image of vehicles for the period of time it takes to travel between cameras. A second image will then be taken and only images of vehicles that have an average speed above the speed limit as well as being above the operating threshold (same as static cameras) will be retained by the system, all other images will be discarded. Infringement notices for speeding offences which are recorded by the cameras will be issued by the New Zealand Police.

More information about the safety cameras inside the Waterview Tunnels can be found at the following link <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/cameras-inside-waterview-tunnels-to-ensure-safe-speeds/>

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse this part of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Bruce Richards, Principal Advisor, Internal Practice by email to bruce.richards@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 03 955 2923.

Yours sincerely



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